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FINANCE
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HAWALA TRANSACTIONS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to legalise/ regularise hawala transactions and regulate hawala transactions on the footing of commercial banks to curbs funding of terrorists activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the countries in the world who have taken steps in this direction and have regulated hawala transactions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b) & (c): `Hawala` refers to illegal transfer of money through un-official channels. The question of legalising / regulating such transactions does not arise.